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1. On 8 April 1953, at about 3 p.m., 20 to 25 AAA machine guns engaged in a firing practice for about 30 minutes at the Templin training grounds. The AAA machine guns fired at a towed-sleeve target which was towed by a low-wing airplane at altitudes of from 100 to 600 meters. At about 11 a.m. on 11 April, 3 officers and 100 EM with 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns practiced aiming at trucks. Each gun had a crew of 1 gun commander, 1 gunner and 2 other EM. The crews were exchanged every 10 minutes.

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A firing practice with live ammunition, apparently with heavy artillery, was held from 7:45 a.m. until about 11 a.m. on 12 April. Firing with live ammunition with machine guns, with each soldier having about 10 shots, was held in Forest Section No 29. The practice involved 2 officers and 60 EM.

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2. The following detrainments for Camp Kannenburg were made at the Templin railroad station:

At 11:45 a.m. on 18 April: JS-1 tanks [REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] and 1 jeep.

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At noon: 6 AA guns of undetermined caliber and 7 trucks [REDACTED]

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At 3:30 p.m.: 14 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED]

At 5 p.m.: 17 boxcars, 1 armored scout car, about 20 motorcycles and truck [REDACTED]

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At 2:30 a.m. on 19 April: 16 SP guns with JS chassis.

At 10 p.m.: 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 jeep and about 20 trucks [REDACTED]

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At 5 a.m. on 20 April: 15 boxcars, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 x 37-mm AA gun, about 20 trucks [REDACTED]

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At 5 p.m.: 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 1 x 57-mm AT gun and 25 trucks

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The following trains passed through the Templin railroad station toward Zehdenick:

At noon on 19 April: 15 boxcars, 5 flatcars with sideracks with a boat, 8 M-13 rocket launchers and 29 trucks.

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At 6 p.m. on 20 April: about 15 boxcars and flatcars with trucks.

At about 7 p.m. on 21 April: 17 boxcars and flatcars with 12 field guns of 76.2-mm and 35 trucks

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At 4:45 a.m. on 22 April: a train consisting of 20 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 76.2-mm field guns and 35 trucks

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stood at the Templin railroad station. 1

3. At 6 a.m. on 20 April, 3 M-13 rocket launchers

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were unloaded at the Zehdenick railroad station for Camp Kannenburg. At 8 a.m. on 20 April, trucks with engineer equipment were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station

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During the night of 21 April, 19 flatcars with sideracks and 21 boxcars with equipment were unloaded. 2

4. The following detrainments for Camp Kannenburg were made at the Zehdenick railroad station:

At 4 p.m. on 22 April: 2 x 76.2-mm field guns and about 15 trucks

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At 9 a.m. on 23 April: 6 boxcars with troops, 3 x 100-mm AT guns, 3 prime movers, 16 trucks

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At 3:30 p.m.: 20 boxcars, 7 x 100-mm AT guns, 8 prime movers and 20 trucks

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At 6 a.m. on 24 April: 27 boxcars, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, 2 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 jeep and 14 trucks

Materiel unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station included 10 JS-1 tanks and 3 trucks at 7:30 p.m. on 22 April, 20 boxcars, 1 field howitzer of 122 mm caliber, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 9 trucks

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[redacted] and tank truck [redacted] at 2 p.m. on 24 April. Water was unloaded at the Templin railroad station included 10 JS-1 tanks [redacted] 5 armored scout cars, 1 armored personnel carrier, about 10 motorcycles at 5 p.m. on 22 April, and 9 SP guns, armored scout cars [redacted] 2 motorcycles, 1 truck and tank trucks [redacted] at 5 p.m. on 23 April.² At 7:30 p.m. on 23 April, a train of 9 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 4 prime movers and 14 trucks passed through Templin toward Zehdenick.³ Another train of 6 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 26 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] passed through Templin at 9:30 p.m. on 23 April.⁴

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1. Comment. [redacted] most of the 12 shipments that passed through Templin or were unloaded there probably belonged to the 6th Gds Mecz Div. Thus, the unloading operations of the division at the troop training grounds continued between 18 and 22 April. [redacted] The trains are believed to have also carried the 676th How Arty Regt and, probably, also the 52d Gds RL Bn of the division. 25X1
2. Comment. The arrivals and unloadings made between 20 and 24 April were chiefly conducted by units of the 25th Tank Div from Oranienburg and Prenzlau [redacted] The information thus confirms the departure of shipments from Oranienburg after 17 April. [redacted] the loading of units, probably of elements of the 33d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the division from Prenzlau, on 22 April. [redacted] The present report confirms elements of the regiment as well as of the 175th Tank Regt from Prenzlau and the 16th (?) Gds RL Bn of the division which has previously been identified when it departed in Oranienburg. The engineer equipment probably belongs to the 194th Engr Bn of the division. However, the detrainments mentioned in paragraph 3 were probably made for Camp Vogelsang rather than Camp Kannenburg. 25X1
3. Comment. Dispatching of units of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army on 21 and 23 April from Bernau is confirmed by the present report, according to which four shipments of the brigade arrived at the troop training grounds between 22 and 24 April. [redacted] Last year, too, the brigade was stationed in the area of Camp Kannenburg-Hammelspring. 25X1

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